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**INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
FOR DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

I. Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)/Project Location 127-030-31, 127-030-15, 127-040-07, 127-010-07

Project Name 3rd Creek Fuels Reduction Project County/City Washoe / Incline Vlg

Brief Description of Project:

See Vegetation Management Plan

The following questionnaire will be completed by the applicant based on evidence submitted with the application. All "Yes" and "No, With Mitigation" answers will require further written comments.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. Land

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Compaction or covering of the soil beyond the limits allowed in the land capability or Individual Parcel Evaluation System (IPES)?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. A change in the topography or ground surface relief features of site inconsistent with the natural surrounding conditions?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Unstable soil conditions during or after completion of the proposal?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Changes in the undisturbed soil or native geologic substructures or grading in excess of 5 feet?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- e. The continuation of or increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sand, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion, including natural littoral processes, which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of a lake?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, backshore erosion, avalanches, mud slides, ground failure, or similar hazards?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

2. Air Quality

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Substantial air pollutant emissions?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Deterioration of ambient (existing) air quality?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. The creation of objectionable odors?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

e. Increased use of diesel fuel?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

3. Water Quality

Will the proposal result in:

a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff so that a 20 yr. 1 hr. storm runoff (approximately 1 inch per hour) cannot be contained on the site?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

c. Alterations to the course or flow of 100-yearflood waters?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground water?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

g. Change in the quantity of groundwater, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding and/or wave action from 100-year storm occurrence or seiches?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

j. The potential discharge of contaminants to the groundwater or any alteration of groundwater quality?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

k. Is the project located within 600 feet of a drinking water source?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

4. Vegetation

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Removal of native vegetation in excess of the area utilized for the actual development permitted by the land capability/IPES system?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Removal of riparian vegetation or other vegetation associated with critical wildlife habitat, either through direct removal or indirect lowering of the groundwater table?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Introduction of new vegetation that will require excessive fertilizer or water, or will provide a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Change in the diversity or distribution of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, micro flora and aquatic plants)?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- e. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- f. Removal of stream bank and/or backshore vegetation, including woody vegetation such as willows?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- g. Removal of any native live, dead or dying trees 30 inches or greater in diameter at breast height (dbh) within TRPA's Conservation or Recreation land use classifications?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- h. A change in the natural functioning of an old growth ecosystem?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

5. Wildlife

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Change in the diversity or distribution of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects, mammals, amphibians or microfauna)?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Reduction of the number of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Deterioration of existing fish or wildlife habitat quantity or quality?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

6. Noise

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Increases in existing Community Noise Equivalency Levels (CNEL) beyond those permitted in the applicable Plan Area Statement, Community Plan or Master Plan?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Single event noise levels greater than those set forth in the TRPA Noise Environmental Threshold?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

7. Light and Glare

Will the proposal:

- a. Include new or modified sources of exterior lighting?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Create new illumination which is more substantial than other lighting, if any, within the surrounding area?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Cause light from exterior sources to be cast off -site or onto public lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Create new sources of glare through the siting of the improvements or through the use of reflective materials?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

8. Land Use

Will the proposal:

- a. Include uses which are not listed as permissible uses in the applicable Plan Area Statement, adopted Community Plan, or Master Plan?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

b. Expand or intensify an existing non-conforming use?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

9. Natural Resources

Will the proposal result in:

a. A substantial increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

b. Substantial depletion of any non-renewable natural resource?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

10. Risk of Upset

Will the proposal:

a. Involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation in the event of an accident or upset conditions?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

b. Involve possible interference with an emergency evacuation plan?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ No, With
Mitigation

☐ Data
Insufficient

11. Population

Will the proposal:

- a. Alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population planned for the Region?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Include or result in the temporary or permanent displacement of residents?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

12. Housing

Will the proposal:

- a. Affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?

To determine if the proposal will affect existing housing or create a demand for additional housing, please answer the following questions:

- (1) Will the proposal decrease the amount of housing in the Tahoe Region?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- (2) Will the proposal decrease the amount of housing in the Tahoe Region historically or currently being rented at rates affordable by lower and very-low-income households?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

Number of Existing Dwelling Units: _____

Number of Proposed Dwelling Units: _____

- b. Will the proposal result in the loss of housing for lower-income and very-low-income households?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

13. Transportation/Circulation

Will the proposal result in:

- a. Generation of 100 or more new Daily Vehicle Trip Ends (DVTE)?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Changes to existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems, including highway, transit, bicycle or pedestrian facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

14. Public Services

Will the proposal have an unplanned effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas?

- a. Fire protection?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Police protection?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Schools?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Parks or other recreational facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

f. Other governmental services?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

15. Energy

Will the proposal result in:

a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

16. Utilities

Except for planned improvements, will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:

a. Power or natural gas?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

b. Communication systems?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

c. Utilize additional water which amount will exceed the maximum permitted capacity of the service provider?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

d. Utilize additional sewage treatment capacity which amount will exceed the maximum permitted capacity of the sewage treatment provider?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

e. Storm water drainage?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

f. Solid waste and disposal?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

17. Human Health

Will the proposal result in:

a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

18. Scenic Resources/Community Design

Will the proposal:

- a. Be visible from any state or federal highway, Pioneer Trail or from Lake Tahoe?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Be visible from any public recreation area or TRPA designated bicycle trail?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Block or modify an existing view of Lake Tahoe or other scenic vista seen from a public road or other public area?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Be inconsistent with the height and design standards required by the applicable ordinance or Community Plan?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- e. Be inconsistent with the TRPA Scenic Quality Improvement Program (SQIP) or Design Review Guidelines?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

19. Recreation

Does the proposal:

a. Create additional demand for recreation facilities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

b. Create additional recreation capacity?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

c. Have the potential to create conflicts between recreation uses, either existing or proposed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

d. Result in a decrease or loss of public access to any lake, waterway, or public lands?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

20. Archaeological/Historical

a. Will the proposal result in an alteration of or adverse physical or aesthetic effect to a significant archaeological or historical site, structure, object or building?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, With Mitigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Insufficient |

b. Is the proposed project located on a property with any known cultural, historical, and/or archaeological resources, including resources on TRPA or other regulatory official maps or records?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

c. Is the property associated with any historically significant events and/or sites or persons?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

d. Does the proposal have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

e. Will the proposal restrict historic or pre-historic religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

21. Findings of Significance.

a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California or Nevada history or prehistory?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time, while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environmental is significant?)

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

- d. Does the project have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects on human being, either directly or indirectly?

☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ No, With Mitigation ☐ Data Insufficient

DECLARATION:

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: (Original signature
required.)


Person Preparing Application

At Washoe
County

Date: 5-29-2008

Applicant Written Comments: (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Date Received: _____ By: _____

Determination:

On the basis of this evaluation:

- a. The proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment and a finding of no significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with TRPA's Rules of Procedure.

☒ Yes

☐ No

- b. The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, but due to the listed mitigation measures which have been added to the project, could have no significant effect on the environment and a mitigated finding of no significant effect shall be prepared in accordance with TRPA's Rules and Procedures.

☐ Yes

☐ No

- c. The proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment and an environmental impact statement shall be prepared in accordance with this chapter and TRPA's Rules of Procedure

☐ Yes

☐ No



Signature of Evaluator

Date:

6/2/08

Forester

Title of Evaluator